

**Watershed Working Group (WWG) Meeting**  
**May 26, 2009**  
**Meeting Notes and Next Steps**

**Attendance:** Heather Gewandter and Audra Lew, staff liaisons; Kris Dighe, Steve Cardon, Jim Ingle, WWG members; Julie Palakovich Carr, perspective member.

**Environment Commission Updates:**

- Faith Klareich will step down as Environment Commission Chair sometime this summer.

**Program Updates and Admin:**

- In the beginning of May, the Mayor and Council passed a Stormwater Utility Fee of \$40.00/year (approximately \$3.34/month).
- Audra Lew will take over the staff liaison role for the WWG now that she is an EMD employee.
- The standing WWG meeting date will change from the third Thursday of every month to the third Wednesday of every month due to member scheduling conflicts. The meeting will state at 7:15 PM at 30 Courthouse Sq.
- City staff needs to follow-up with perspective WWG members identified during Hometown Holidays.
- City staff needs to put a link between the volunteer section of the City homepage and the environment volunteer opportunities outlined on the sustainable Rockville section.
- WWG members would like a status update on the Adopt-A-Stream program and water plant upgrades at the next Environment Commission meeting and at upcoming WWG meetings.

**Check-in Regarding WWG Purpose and Goals:**

- The WWG looked at, and suggested changes to, the current website description and purpose. An email of the draft description and purpose will be circulated to all members for edits. The WWG will review the draft final at the next meeting.
- The WWG identified potential projects to work on during the up-coming year (listed below). The group will prioritize this list at the next meeting. WWG will focus on one or two items on this list. In addition, WWG will advise City staff on policy, provide “peer reviews” on products and help City staff create outreach material.
  - Review details of stream restoration and stormwater management facility retro-fit CIPs as they gear up to be implemented.
  - Help define the scope of the Cabin John watershed study.
  - Consider City winter salt usage policy options.
  - Consider City fertilizer/pesticide usage policy options.
  - Develop “sediment Police” program.
  - Explore expedited permitting for projects that incorporate LID.

**How To Get the Word Out:**

- The WWG will help the City in developing some outreach material. Topics for these materials could include:
  - Recycling for a healthier watershed.
  - Pollution prevention (the group will brainstorm ideas via email).

- Environmental program options.
  - Salt usage.
- The group wants to explore the following ideas to help distribute all environmental material.
  - Do a mass mailing of one of the brochures.
  - Library bulletin board.
  - Community Centers.
  - Welcome wagon information that comes with the tax information.
  - Farmers' market booths.